

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0161867 of *Cochran et al.* ("Cochran").

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled

New claims 21-36 have been added.

Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 21 is not anticipated by *Cochran* because *Cochran* does not disclose a configuration server that enables a node to obtain a configuration applet for searching a local network for a network device as claimed in new claim 21. A configuration server as claimed in new claim 21 generates a web page that enables the node to load the configuration applet via a network. *Cochran* discloses a computing device 14 that loads a device configuration assembly 12 from program storage such that device configuration assembly 12 when executing searches a local network 16 for computing devices. (*Cochran*, paragraphs 31 and 34). *Cochran* does not teach that the device configuration assembly 12 is loaded via a web page over a network as claimed in new claim 21. Instead, Figure 1 of *Cochran* shows the device configuration assembly 12 connected to the computing device 14 via an unlabeled arrow and states that

The device configuration assembly 12 may be a device configuration program, which is disposed on a memory device or media (e.g., a disk)... (*Cochran*, paragraph 31). Therefore, it is submitted that *Cochran* teaches loading a device configuration program from program storage rather than from a configuration server using a web page as claimed in new claim 21.

Given that new claims 22-28 depend from new claim 21, it is submitted that new claims 22-28 are not anticipated by *Cochran*.

It is also submitted that new claim 29 is not anticipated by Cochran. New claim 29 is a method for configuring a network device coupled to a local network that includes limitations similar to the limitations of new claim 21 including generating a web page that enables access to a configuration applet via a network and loading the configuration applet via the network by accessing the web page. Therefore, the remarks stated above with respect to new claim 21 and Cochran also apply to new claim 29.

Given that new claims 30-36 depend from new claim 29, it is submitted that new claims 30-36 are not anticipated by Cochran.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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